WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Raiment of commission by the Food Corporation of India

312. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL 'PLIES be pleased to state:

a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporaion of lndia is paying Rs. 15 •es as Commissio, !! for the procurenVnt of wheat;

(b) if so, whether Government propose 1o scrap the agency system and to employ rhcir own employees for the procurement (cheat and other items for the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposal is iy to be implemented?

!HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL PLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The FCI procures foodgrains directly from the farmers in all Hie States except in Punjab and Haryana, white the farmers have the option to sell their produce in the regulated markets th:. nigh kachha arthias, under the State •Iments. During 1985-86, about Rs. 21 crores was paid to these arthias, as com-. mission for services rendered.

11 is the policy $_0$f the Central Government *to* eliminate intermediaries *to* (he -extent possible from the procurement operations. The State Governments have been advised, from time to time, to do aw ly with the system of intermediaries in the procurement of foodgrains, wherever they exist, by amending their marketing laws if necessary.

Loans to individuals b. v th$_E$ HUDCO

-331. SHRI M. A. BABY. Will the Minister 6f URBAN DEVELOPMENT be ple'ased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hous-tn ' and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) extend loans to individuals for the construction of houses;

(b) ff so, whether it is also a fact that the HUDCO had not granted evcn a single loan so far to any individual for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons theiefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Loans are given by HUDCO to ing Boards, Development Authorities Improvement Trusts etc. 'and are not given directly to individuals.

(b) and '(c) Do not arise.

Indira Gandhi Canal Project

*332. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be plensed to refer to the reply to Starred Question 53 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February. 1987 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the work. on the second phase of'the Indira Gan-the Canal Project-had been stepped up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the second phase of 'he Indira Gandhi Canal Project an out'ay of Rs. 65. 5 crores, including Rs. 15 crores from the Centre as special assistance under the Border Aren Deye'onment Programme, has been provided for the year 1987-KS as against the outlay of Rs. 42 crores for 1986-87.

Allotment of flats in pocket 'C of sidd-hnrth Extension project

""333. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT b? pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that more than. 75 per cent of the successful persons in the DDA draw of the 7th July, 1982 for Pocket 'C Siddharth Extension Project*